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United States Senator for Alaska

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- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission

Project Location: Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

See attachment 1

Related Appropriations Bill: None

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$175,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$175,000

Number of years to fund this project: Two

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: No

Matching funds from local and private entities:

No

List legislation that authorizes this project:

The Alaska Rural Justice & Law Enforcement Commission was created by Congress in 2004 (Public Law 108-199)

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

See attachment 2

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: None

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: None

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

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Fiscal Year 2009 Project Request Form
Attachment 1**

The Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission was created by Congress in 2004 and tasked with addressing the problems of (1) domestic violence, (2) child abuse, and (3) alcohol abuse in rural Alaska. It was charged with (4) identifying ways to maximize law-enforcement and judicial resources in rural Alaska, and (5) creating a unified law-enforcement system, court system and system of local laws or ordinances for Alaska native villages and communities.

The Commission met consistently from the fall of 2004 until early 2007, when a lack of funding forced it to temporarily trim its activities. During its existence, the Commission has accomplished the following:

Phase 1:

- Formed 4 original workgroups in each of the mandated areas of focus:
 - law enforcement,
 - judicial systems,
 - alcohol importation and interdiction
 - domestic violence and child abuse.
- Prepared and Released its Initial Report to Congress in 2006
- Reported progress to the Alaska Legislature

Phase 2:

- Created 4 additional work groups to follow up on specific recommendations made during Phase 1, including:
 - Development of a tiered system of peace officers in the State of Alaska, which the State of Alaska is now pursuing.
 - Development of a model MOU that can be entered into between governments (state, local and tribal) for ICWA cases, which has been mostly drafted but needs more work on a few key terms.
 - Development of initiatives and recommendations to try to stem the abuse of alcohol in rural Alaska, a number of which recommendations have been adopted into law or are currently before the state legislature. Others, however, need more work
 - Development of proposals for how new technologies could enhance the provision of law enforcement and judicial services to rural Alaska. This initiative requires considerably more work.

The Commission's other accomplishments include presenting its findings and recommendations to the Alaska House and Senate Judiciary Committees, Alaska Federation of Natives Board of Directors and Convention, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, several sobriety conferences and the Rural Providers Conference. The Alaska Department of Public Safety and the United States Postal Service have coordinated regarding cross-designating inspectors and troopers for rural alcohol interdiction, and the Department of Public Safety has piloted a sub-hub project to bring law-enforcement into rural villages on a regular basis. Several other states have

inquired as to the Commission's working group process as a best practice for convening stakeholders. Despite its accomplishments to date, much remains to be done. More work is needed on some of the Phase 2 initiatives, and many other recommendations in the Commission's initial report have not yet been pursued at all.

The Commission is committed to continuing to (1) convene stakeholders, (2) incubate ideas, (3) advocate for more collaboration between federal, state and local governments, (4) advocate, where appropriate, for changes to state or federal law that would enhance the provision of law enforcement and judicial resources in rural Alaska, and (5) publish its final report and recommendations. It will continue to communicate with all stakeholders through an electronic newsletter, website and other forms of communication.

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Attachment 2**

The Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission (ARJLEC) was created by Congress in 2004 (Public Law 108-199) and began its work in FY 2005. The Alaska Native Justice Center has dedicated funds to support the efforts of the Commission through the following bills:

2008	Omnibus Appropriations Bill	\$187,500
2006	Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill	\$272,000
2004	Omnibus Appropriations Bill	\$300,000

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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Pathways to Justice

Project Location: Alaska (Statewide Service Delivery)

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Please see attachment

Related Appropriations Bill: None

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$895,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$895,000

Number of years to fund this project: 2 years

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

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Fiscal Year 2009 Project Request**

Project Description : Pathways to Justice

Since its formation in 1993, ANJC has assisted 9,200 Alaska Natives with resolving legal concerns in the justice system at the local, state and federal level. ANJC has gained a reputation as a leader in supporting the development of community-based restorative justice models, and is a recognized collaborative partner in providing training and technical assistance both inside and outside of Alaska through innovative justice partnerships. As a bridge between Alaska Natives and Alaska's justice systems, all of ANJC's established and innovative programs are designed to enhance self-sufficiency and develop community-based solutions to local problems. The Alaska Native Justice Center seeks to continue the following core programs:

CORE RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS:

- 1. Tribal Youth Re-Entry Effort (TYRE)** for youth transitioning from the State of Alaska, Division of Juvenile Justice detention facilities back to their communities. Services are statewide and incorporate Native cultural values and practices. Primary focus areas include but are not limited to: 1) development of an aftercare plan sixty days prior to release; 2) identification of local resources and services in the juveniles home community; 3) coordination and monitoring of aftercare services; and 4) follow-up.
- 2. Adult Male & Female Re-Entry Services (Bridges to Success)** continue to build upon services for Alaska Native men and women who are transitioning from the Department of Corrections and re-entering their communities. The social services necessary for successful re-entry are virtually nonexistent in most rural Alaska communities. Although services may vary, both re-entry services to male and female inmates includes, but not limited to: 1) Pre and post release orientation meetings; 2) Individualized goal planning; 3) Networking; 4) Transition groups; 5) Assistance with access to mainstream services; 6) Mentoring and life skills training and; 7) Probation compliance.

CORE ADVOCACY SERVICES/VICTIM SERVICES:

- 1. The Advocacy services component of ANJC** is an ongoing effort. The program offers an array of services to meet the needs of Alaskan Native/American Indian clients. Clients include homeless individuals and families. Services include, but are not

limited to: 1) information sharing; 2) assistance in filling out forms; 3) court accompaniment; 4) clarification of issues with justice agencies; 5) and; 6) referrals for legal representation.

2. ANJC will continue to offer and provide victim services within the Advocacy program to remove barriers and ensure safety and protection for those experiencing domestic violence and/or sexual abuse. Primary focus areas include: 1) strengthening the capacity of communities to develop prevention strategies to address domestic violence occurring in their respective communities; 2) partnering with domestic violence and sexual assault programs to create innovative outreach strategies; 3) creating links between communities and local law enforcement and social service providers; and 4) provide victims the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives while also enabling communities to hold offenders accountable.

CORE YOUTH PROGRAM SUPPORT SERVICES:

1. ANJC will continue to provide alcohol/substance education courses through its Prime for Life Under-21 Course. The course is an approved State of Alaska Alcohol Drug Information School (ADIS) for youth under age 21, and is a lifestyle risk reduction program. ANJC is the only State certified 'itinerant' ADIS program that goes into rural Alaska to teach youth how to make informed choices as related to alcohol and drugs. The course is mandated by the State of Alaska's Minor Consuming Courts and is a barrier to our youth who cannot attend or participate in urban classes. (Prime for life is a nationally recognized Best Practices therapeutic educational risk reduction model that is recognized by The Center of Substance Abuse Prevention, and is suited for youth who may meet Level .05 of the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria or for those youth in need of prevention education).
2. ANJC will continue its Anger Replacement Training (ART) for youth 14 -18 years old. ART is an evidenced based model designed to train youth to control aggression and how to manage their emotions more appropriately through communication skills building.

Project Budget: The Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC) is requesting \$895,000 to support its core programs.

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